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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PERIMETER WALL

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1. PARAGRAPH 3G OF REFTTEL RECOMMENDS CONSTRUCTION OF PERIMETER WALL ONLY FIVE FEET IN HEIGHT.
2. IN EVALUATING THE RESPECTIVE MERITS OF IRON GRILL FENCING, WALLS, CHAIN LINK FENCING OR OTHER TYPES OF EXTERNAL PERIMETER BARRIERS, PREFERENCE SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THE BETTER VISIBILITY AFFORDED BY THE "OPEN VIEW" BARRIER. THE PREFERRED IRON GRILL OR SIMILAR TYPE FENCING WOULD ASSIST GUARDS OR OTHER CUSTODIAL PERSONNEL IN THE EARLIER DETECTION OF WOULD-BE INTRUDERS; WHEREAS THE "CLOSED VIEW" TYPE OF BARRIER (E.G. SOLID WALL) AFFORDS A DEGREE OF COVER TO THE WOULD-BE INTRUDER. THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS SHOULD BE SATISFIED IN THE DESIGN AND INSTALLATION OF FENCING.

(A) PROTECTIVE FENCING SHOULD BE AT LEAST 9 FEET HIGH, SUBSTANTIAL IN DESIGN AND TOPPED WITH A DETERRENT TO  
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SCALING.

(B) IF IRON GRILL FENCING IS TO BE USED, VERTICAL BARS SHOULD BE A MINIMUM OF 5/8 INCH IN DIAMETER, SPACED FIVE INCHES ON CENTER. BARS (OTHER THAN THE ANCHORING SUPPORTS) SHOULD EXTEND TO WITHIN TWO INCHES OR LESS OF THE BASE.

(C) FENCE SUPPORTS SHOULD BE FIRMLY ANCHORED IN CONCRETE. DEPENDING ON SOIL CONSISTENCY, IT MIGHT BE ADVISABLE OR NECESSARY TO PROVIDE A CONCRETE CURB UNDER THE ENTIRE PERIMETER.

(D) PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR ENTRANCES THROUGH THE BARRIERS SHOULD BE PROTECTED BY HEAVY IRON GRILLS OR SOLID METAL GATES WHICH ARE AT LEAST EQUIVALENT TO THE PROTECTION AFFORDED BY THE REMAINDER OF THE PERIMETER. HEAVY LOCKING DEVICES OF AMERICAN MANUFACTURE SHOULD BE INSTALLED ON LARGE ENTRANCES HAVING DOUBLE GATES. THE LOCKING DEVICES SHOULD BE SUPPLEMENTED BY LATERAL BOLTS TO JOIN THE GATES AND BY ONE OR MORE VERTICAL BOLTS WHICH ANCHOR INTO THE BASE.

(E) MISCELLANEOUS OPENINGS IN THE PERIMETER BARRIER, SUCH AS CULVERTS, DRAINAGE DITCHES, ETC., REQUIRE PROTECTION IF THE OPENING HAS AN AREA OF 90 SQUARE INCHES AND ONE DIMENSION MORE THAN 5 INCHES. PROTECTION PROVIDED SHOULD BE EQUIVALENT TO THAT AFFORDED BY THE REMAINDER OF THE PERIMETER.

(F) TO THE EXTENT THAT TERRAIN FEATURES, PLOT PLANNING AND BUILDING LAYOUT PERMIT, FENCING SHOULD BE AS STRAIGHT AS PRACTICABLE AND SHOULD BE NOT MORE THAN 300 OR LESS THAN 50 FEET FROM THE BUILDING, OBJECT OR LOCATION REQUIRING THIS PROTECTION. AN EXCEPTION TO THE 300 FOOT MAXIMUM IS THE COMPOUND HAVING STRUCTURES ON IT OTHER THAN THE OFFICE BUILDING. GENERALLY, HOWEVER, THE SMALLER THE FENCED AREA THE MORE EFFECTIVELY IT CAN BE OBSERVED BY GUARDS OR CUSTODIAL PERSONNEL.

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(G) THERE SHOULD BE AT LEAST 20 FEET CLEARANCE BETWEEN THE PERIMETER BARRIER AND STRUCTURES OR NATURAL TERRAIN FEATURES, OUTSIDE OF THIS PERIMETER, WHICH WOULD OFFER A SIMPLE MEANS OF PENETRATION. TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT FEASIBLE, A GUARD WITHIN THE PROTECTED BUILDING SHOULD HAVE A CLEAR VIEW OF THE BARRIER.

(H) CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN IN THE DESIGN OF FENCING TO EXCLUDE BUILT-IN FOOT HOLDS WHICH COULD BE USED TO SCALE THE BARRIER.

3. IN SOME INSTANCES, CHAIN LINK OR CYCLONE TYPE FENCING MIGHT BE CONSIDERED, IF A BARRIER IS NEEDED AND THE IRON GRILL DESIGN CANNOT BE PROVIDED. HOWEVER, THIS IS NOT THE PREFERRED TYPE, NEITHER FROM THE STANDPOINT OF SECURITY, NOR FROM THE ESTHETIC VIEWPOINT. IF USED, FENCING MATERIAL SHOULD BE (1) NOT LARGER THAN 2 INCH SQUARE MESH, AND (2) OF NO. 9 GAUGE OR HEAVIER WIRE (AMERICAN WIRE GAUGE) WITH TWISTED AND BARBED SELVAGE AT TOP AND BOTTOM. OTHER STANDARDS SET FORTH ABOVE, WITH RESPECT TO HEIGHT, ANCHORING AND OPENINGS, SHOULD BE OBSERVED IN THE CONSTRUCTION. PARTICULAR ATTENTION SHOULD BE GIVEN TO PROVIDING SUFFICIENT SUPPORTS TO ENSURE COMPLETE RIGIDITY BETWEEN UPRIGHTS.

4. AF/EX AND SY ANXIOUS TO BE RESPONSIVE TO YOUR NEEDS. IF THERE ARE OVERRIDING FACTORS WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE CONSTRUCTION OF A SECURITY APPROVED WALL MEETING ABOVE SPECIFICATIONS, PLEASE ADVISE. KISSINGER

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